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Message FROM THE Board

Well, we made it through the really really hot days of summer with a few blades of grass left and Fall is almost officially here. As our daylight hours grow shorter and the school year gets underway, please watch out for children walking to and from their buses and for our many walkers and joggers (both the two and four-legged kind), as well as the increasing numbers of bicyclists who share our streets. This is especially important in those “twilight” hours of the day -- early morning and early evening when people tend to be most in a hurry to get somewhere.

As we head toward November elections, be aware the reasonably sized political signs in private yards are allowed from ninety (90) days before the election and up to ten (10) days after. Please respect your neighbors’ right to their point of view on an issue and/or their right to show support for their candidate of choice. It is an insult to our political system and an embarrassment to this community to receive reports of intolerance and/or vandalism to these signs or to the yards where they are located in our community – and we hope to hear no more about this.

Big thank you to all the homeowners who have taken time to trim and clean up bushes and trees leaning into or over our streets and sidewalks. Owners who have not already done so, please note that there needs to be a minimum fourteen (14) feet clearance above the street. Contact us if you have any questions or would like the name of one of the excellent and cost effective tree crews we use for work in our common areas.

Finally, we are receiving reports of sprinklers running while it’s raining and on other restricted days or odd times. While we have received a fairly good amount of rainfall so far this year, we are still under certain restrictions. Check out the City’s watering rules at www.austintexas.gov/departments/watering-restrictions. In brief: (1) hose end sprinklers are allowed two (2) days a week -- even addresses Thursday & Sunday; odd addresses Wednesday & Saturday. (2) Automatic systems may run once a week – even addresses Thursday; odd addresses Wednesday. Times are midnight to 10 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to midnight. Thank you for your consideration.

Drive Safely in the Courtyard!

September

Dates That Rate Have a great school year!

Austin Independent School District 2016-2017 School Calendar Six & Nine-Week Reporting Periods

August 2016

- 8-11 New Teacher Orientation
- 16-17 Staff Development
- 19-19 Planning & Prep
- 22 First Day of Classes

September 2016

- 5 Student & Staff Holiday - Labor Day

October 2016

- 10 Student Holiday - Elem. Parent Conference
Secondary Staff Development

November 2016

- 21-25 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2016

- 21 Winter Break Begins

January 2017

- 3 Student Holiday - Staff Development
Classroom Reunite
- 16 Student & Staff Holiday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 2017

- 20 Student Holiday - Elem. Parent Conference
Secondary Staff Development
1st Bad Weather Makeup Day

March 2017

- 13-17 Spring Break

April 2017

- 14 Student Holiday - Staff Development

May 2017

- 26 Student Holiday - Staff Development
2nd Bad Weather Makeup Day
- 29 Student & Staff Holiday - Memorial Day

June 2017

- 1 Last Day of Classes
- 2 Planning & Prep

Legend

- Student/Staff Holiday
- Planning & Prep/
Student Holiday
- Staff Development/
Student Holiday
- First / Last
Day of Classes
- Student Holiday -
Elem. Parent Conference/
Secondary Staff
Development
- New Teacher Orientation
- District Closed
- Bad Weather
Make-up Day
- 9 Weeks
- 6 Weeks

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COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 4, 2016
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We're going back to the classics for our October book club discussion of Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *The Age of Innocence*. The novel follows Newland Archer, a young, aristocratic lawyer engaged to the cloistered, beautiful May Welland. When May's disgraced cousin Ellen arrives from Europe, fleeing her marriage to a Polish Count, her worldly, independent nature intrigues Archer, who soon falls in love with her. Trapped by his passionless relationship with May and the social conventions that forbid a relationship with Ellen, Archer finds himself torn between possibility and duty.

Wharton's profound understanding of her characters' lives makes the triangle of Archer, May, and Ellen come to life with an irresistible urgency. A wry, incisive look at the ways in which love and emotion must negotiate the complex rules of high society, *The Age of Innocence* is one of Wharton's finest, most illuminative works.

In November, we will be reading the Mayor's Book Club selection for 2016, *A Friend of Mr. Lincoln* by Stephen Harrigan. (A fitting choice in the midst of this tumultuous presidential election year to look back and examine the rise of one of America's most honored leaders.)

For more information about the book club please contact Lou Blemaster at 512-551-2659 or email loublemaster@gmail.com.

Be Ember Aware Firewise Tip #3 Chuckling Your Wood

How much wood could a woodchuck chuck? If he lived in one of the nation's high fire hazard areas he should chuck all of it at least 30 feet from his home.

One of the most common ember hazards homeowners create is the placement of firewood stacks next to their home. During a wildfire, hundreds of burning embers could become lodged within the stack. The dry, high winds that often accompany wildfire can fan the embers and cause ignition. Once burning, the firewood stack can jeopardize just about any home, regardless of construction material, because of its ability to ignite combustible siding, provide a flaming exposure to windows and break the glass, or climb to the eave and possibly enter into the attic.

Firewood should be stored at least 30 feet from the house, deck, and other structures during fire season. If the firewood stack is located uphill, make sure burning logs won't roll downhill and ignite the home. Don't place the stack under tree branches or adjacent to wood fences that are connected to the house. Bring just enough wood for the winter in close to the house after fire season is over. Another option is to store firewood inside the garage, but make sure embers can't enter your garage through gaps between the door and framing. Don't let your firewood stack be the kindling for your house fire.

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PREVENTING COYOTE CONFLICTS

As urban areas continue to grow and encroach on wildlife habitats it becomes more inevitable that we will occasionally meet up with coyotes and other wild animals. With some basic knowledge we can reduce these interactions and keep people, pets and wildlife safe.

Simply put, coyotes prey on rodents and small animals, so where there are rodents and small animals there is good chance that coyotes will show up to eat them. Just like humans, rodents thrive on food, shelter and water. Uncovered compost or trash bins, pet food left outside, fruit and nut tree droppings, accessible bird feeders, bird baths, and fountains are enticing food and water sources for rodents. Keeping these things in check along with regular yard/weed maintenance will discourage critters big and small from taking up residence where they don't belong. And it goes without saying that the other food group in a coyote's diet could include a beloved pet if left unattended and accessible.

Despite our best efforts to create boundaries between our space and theirs, we still may find ourselves crossing paths with coyotes. Should you find yourself face to face with a coyote, don't panic, but do let the animal know that it's not welcome in your space. Yelling, waving your arms, spraying the coyote with the garden hose and other forms of "hazing" should be enough to scare it away. Hazing also serves to discourage these adaptive animals from becoming too comfortable and/or aggressive around humans.

Wildlife sightings are a part of what makes Austin such a beautiful city. Whether it's a snake crossing the road, a coyote on the prowl, or a turtle that's wandered too far from the creek, by staying aware of our surroundings and reacting appropriately to our four legged neighbors, we should be able to coexist peacefully.

If you have any concerns about coyotes or other wildlife in the neighborhood please call 311 for assistance.



- The male cicada is the loudest insect in the world. His sound can reach 120 decibels. By comparison, a jackhammer breaking concrete is 100-120 decibels.
- Nearly 30% of Dalmatian dogs are born with complete or partial hearing loss.
- While many think that Hydrox cookies were an Oreo knock-off, Hydrox actually came first. They were first made in 1908, four years before the Oreo.
- Liechtenstein is the world's leading exporter of false teeth.
- A group of eggs, such as those found in a bird's nest, is known as a "clutch."
- The world's largest national park is the North East Greenland Park in Greenland, covering more than 375,000 square miles, more than twice the size of California.
- Cenosisilicaphobia is the fear of an empty glass.
- The ZIP in ZIP code stands for Zone Improvement Plan.
- Canada has more lakes than all other countries combined.
- The little plastic bit on the end of your shoelace is called an aglet.
- The device used to measure your foot at a shoe store is called a "Brannock Device."
- Deipnophobia is the fear of dinner party conversations.
- Pentheraphobia is the persistent fear of your mother-in-law.
- A group of jellyfish is called a smack.
- Two-thirds of the world's lawyers live in the United States.
- Horses can't vomit.

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Children's Center of Austin Names Tanya Saenz

to Head of Schools

childrenscenterofaustin.com



Highly regarded Austin-area child-care and education center creates new Head of Schools position to direct growth for all three of its campuses; promotes Tanya Saenz to fill roll.

AUSTIN, TX (July 28, 2016) — The Children's Center of Austin announced today that Tanya Saenz has been named the institution's first Head of Schools. In this roll, Saenz will oversee the management of all the Children's Center of Austin schools including fiscal, personnel, curriculum, quality assurance, and customer relations, as well as the overall administrative success for all schools.

"I am excited about my next chapter with the Children's Center of Austin," said Saenz, who was promoted from the Regional Director position. "We have an amazing school system with incredible families, teachers, and staff

all working together to ensure the physical, social, and intellectual needs of every child are met on a daily basis. My goal is to build upon this solid foundation and pave a path for our students to have the most well-rounded, safe, and caring start to their education."

Some of the new initiatives Saenz will be addressing early on include physical upgrades to some of the schools such as outdoor sport courts for enhanced student activity and health. Also, she will continue to seek out the best ongoing educational and training opportunities for teachers to stay atop their fields and continue to provide the best care for all students.

Saenz brings 17 years of early childhood education and management experience to the newly appointed Head of Schools position. Six of those years have been spent at the Children's Center of Austin serving as Curriculum Coordinator, School Director, and Regional Director. She holds a degree in Early Childhood Education with a concentration in Infant and Toddler studies from Del Mar College, and is working towards a second degree in Business Administration from Concordia University.

Prior to joining the Children's Center of Austin, Saenz worked in schools in south Texas as well as three years with the Lake Travis Independent School District. Now, in the newly appointed position as Head of Schools, Saenz will rely upon that experience to continue the growth of the Chil-

dren's Center of Austin, its staff, and students, as well as provide continuity of management across all campuses.

About Children's Center of Austin

The Children's Center of Austin is devoted to a love of learning based on the premise that every child is a unique individual with a definite growth and development pattern. The Children's Center of Austin is committed to the belief that early childhood education is vital to our children's futures, and thus the curriculum is developmentally based and focuses on the individual child's social, emotional, and intellectual needs. The Children's Center of Austin serves infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and offers after school programs for kindergarten through fifth grade at three Austin area locations: Westlake, Northwest Austin (at Jester Blvd.), and Steiner Ranch.

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NOW's the time to sign up for the Global Unity Games! <http://compassiongames.org/global-unity-games/>. The Games are September 11 through September 21st! You can join in any time during this period. It's simple to do, free, and online. During the Games, pay extra attention to discover and appreciate acts that show caring for others, self, and the Earth (either those you do yourself or those being done by others). Use the Neighborhood Compassion Watch to inspire you! Then post about your experience on the global Compassion Report Map to motivate people around the world. Be an "Agent of Compassion"! Participate as an individual or sign up as a team with your family, neighbors, and community. It's especially important to engage our youth. We grow stronger in what we practice. Let's strengthen compassion in ourselves and our neighborhood!

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9th

ZILKER RELAYS
Zilker Park
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15th-17th

LONE STAR LE MANS
Circuit of The Americas
www.circuitoftheamericas.com

24th

TEXAS CRAFT BREWERS FESTIVAL
Fiesta Gardens
www.texascraftbrewersfestival.org

24th-25th

FALL 2016 PECAN ST FESTIVAL
Sixth Street Austin
www.pecanstreetfestival.org

30th-Oct 2nd

ACL MUSIC FESTIVAL-Weekend 1
Zilker Park
www.aclfestival.com

OCTOBER

7th-9th

ACL MUSIC FESTIVAL-Weekend 2
Zilker Park
www.aclfestival.com

13th-20th

AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL
Paramount Theatre & Various Locations
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21st-23rd

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